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DETECTION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows.

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Advisory Action dated November 14, 2005, and is meant to accompany the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Applicants respectfully request that this paper be construed as constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period of one-month to enable this document

to be timely filed. Therefore a **fee of \$120.00** is believed to be due as a result of the request for a one-month extension.

A fee in the amount of \$790.00 is due for the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith. An Additional fee in the amount of \$750.00 is due after calculating the addition of 7 new claims, two of which are independent claims, by this Preliminary Amendment.

**The Commissioner is authorized to deduct fees of in the amount of \$1660.00 from Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/TT5487.** No other fees are believed to be due, however, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/TT5487.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In the event the monies in that account are insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2000.107500.